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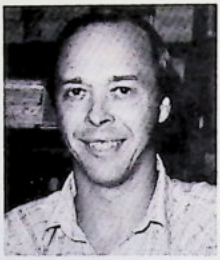

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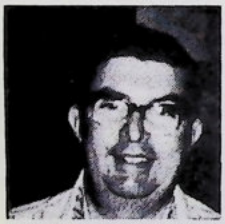

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Dear Fellow Members:

Since the last issue of the Journal,gold and silver prices have fallen considerably.Those who overextended themselves had some tough obligations to meet,while those who were more conservitive in their investments will be able to wait for a more favorable market in which to sell.

Of passing interest is the fact that many U.S. companies which manufacture goods from the precious metals were quick to claim their capital gains in the form of price rises, while they have been slow to accept their losses.Foreign competitors are able to price their goods much lower as a direct result, leaving many American goods on the shelf.

We love to here constructive criticism from fellow members...it means they read at least part of the Journal.We received three main complaints from the last issue,which we have acted upon.

The first complaint was that we printed the minutes from the Board meeting, which many Board members said inhibited them from saying what they felt,as they had to worry about everyone reading it.To help the process and to avoid misunderstandings we will just report on what was decided. We also had complaints from members who did not want to read the minutes from the entire meeting just to find out what happened.

The second complaint was that the Journal was shallow. Our article about the Indian on American Coinage will help some, but articles from members would help more.

The third complaint was that the journal was late. Well,its late again.We moved the day it was supposed to come out. We have enough room for a library in our new home,which will give us a place to prepare the Journal for July. Maybe we can come out on time next time!

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Convention Moved

On February 10, Toney Helton, President of the N.C.N.A., called a meeting of the Board of Directors attending the Charlotte Coin Show. Present were Autence Bason, David Porter, Lonnie Stewart, James Little, Forrest Michael, Dr. Ausley, Russ Southworth, Secretary, and Ted Hendrick, Director of Convention.

The N.C.N.A. Convention had been scheduled for October 3, 4, and 5 at the Raleigh Hilton, but the Hilton booked another group before plans could be finalized. The Convention was moved to the Holiday Inn North in Charlotte for the weekend of October 10, 11, and 12, which was more satisfactory from a timing standpoint as the original date would have conflicted with the D.N.A. show at Carrolton, Maryland.

The Secretary then distributed to those present the following: a rostor of officers and directors for 1979-80, a final accounting of the 1979 convention, as well as the 1979 financial statement and summary of N.C.N.A. funds as of December 31, 1979, and finally, the 1980 budget.

Lonnie Stewart was appointed as coordinator for the Journal, between the Editor and the Board. His responsibilities will be to assist the Editor to secure articles and materials for publication as well as solicit advertising. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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The Indian On The Coin

While scouring through old journals trying to come up with an idea for an article, we noticed the sections devoted to the new coin issues. We got the idea of digging up old press releases about coins issued and encouragement to accept the new coins...in the 19th Century.

This sounds like a good idea, considering that we have access to the entire efforts of the New York Times on microfilm in the local library. We went to the library full of determination and hope, just knowing that we would find a good article about the then new Indian Head Cent.

The coin came out in 1859, following three years of the Flying Eagle Cent. There was only one problem-- if the mint issued any press releases, the Times did not print them. Due to the scarcity of 1859 newspapers, we decided to write the mint. No luck yet. We did find some articles about the Indian however, that had nothing to do with the coin, but which nevertheless proved interesting.

Every tribe I had ever seen on the late show was causing some kind of trouble that year, as well as a few tribes that never made it to Hollywood. The Navajo war ended in January that year in New Mexico, not yet a state but only a territory. That same month, Apaches attacked soldiers and families, with more trouble reported in September. The Calvary was called in that month as well, and no more articles about the Apaches were printed after November.

The Mohaves also had a "fight" with U.S. Troops in February, but the Calvary wasn't called in this time. General Twiggs was interviewed in January, in an attempt to explain the Indian situation in Texas, while the Seminoles in Florida and the Commanches near Fort Arbuckle were "waging war" within two months.

The Mohaves and Crows were reported to have attacked California, a sizable undertaking even in those days. A more reliable report might concern itself with the Shosonees attacking emigrants in Utah, or the Kiowas stealing the Santa Fe mail.

There was some good news... sixteen white children were recovered from tribes in Utah.

These wars and raids were lumped under the term "outrages" in those days. There were "outrages" reported in the above mentioned places as well as in the Kansas and Nebraska territories. An editorial on December 30th concerned itself with the expenses of curbing "Indian Outrages in Frontier Regions." The above mentioned articles represent about a third of what was reported on the Indians that year.

It is amazing that the U.S. issued a coin honoring a people commiting such outrages that year, not only against whites, but also against each other. The Creeks and Cherokees were in open hostility that year. When the Indian Head Cent was issued, the Indian was not a colorful character out of our history, but at worst a terrible enemy to be defeated, and at best a complete savage to be tamed, at least in the eyes of the American public. (Who would we put on such a coin this year?)

Since we could not find anything about the Indian Head Cent itself, we thought we would move up to the 1913 issues of the Times, and look into the Buffalo Nickle. Again, we found that if the Mint issued any press releases, the Times did not print them. Again there were articles concerning the American Indian. Hair-raising stories of attacks, raids, and recovered white children? Not in 1913. The Indians had been tamed or defeated or both.

The business of the day concerned itself with more peaceful problems. Delegates of tribes in Nebraska were requesting the legalization of tribal marriage so that all Indian children would be legitimate. Music of the Indians was recorded for posterity that year, the Legend of Mt. Katahdin was reported on, and a monument for New York Harbor was discussed. The arts and customs of the American Indian were displayed in the American Museum.

The Indians were somewhat involved in the Democratic process by this time. A delegation of Chiefs in town to visit the museum exhibit as well as the Zoological Gardens joined in the inaugural parade. The Crows presented farewell gifts to President Wilson and Secretary Lane, while a delegation from Montana presented Lane with a tribal title.

The Blackfeet Indians visited New York that year for the Travel and Vacation Show. While there, they visited Carlisle with Secretary Lane, and made themselves right at home by camping atop a local hotel.

The attitude and image of the Indian in respect to the American people changed alot between 1859 and 1913. Fifty-four years can change a lot of things. It changed the image of the Indian on our coins.

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